

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2003

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*** MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DISCHARGE PETITION THAT IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE HOUSE FLOOR AT THE CLERK’S DESK.** Rep. Hooley is leading the effort to force the House to consider legislation to extend unemployment insurance, which under current law would expire at the end of the year.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 2989 - Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 04 - **Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees**

H.Res. 417 - Rule providing for consideration of **H.J.Res. 75** - Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 04 (*Sponsored by Rep. Linder / Rules Committee*)

H.Res. 418 - Rule providing for consideration of the **Conference Report on H.R. 2691** - Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 04 (*Sponsored by Rep. Hastings (WA) / Rules Committee*)

H.J.Res. 75 - Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 04 (*Sponsored by Rep. Young (FL) / Appropriations Committee*) (Subject to a Rule)

Conference Report on H.R. 2691 - Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 04 (*Sponsored by Rep. Taylor (NC) / Appropriations Committee*) (Subject to a Rule)

Postponed Suspension Votes (2 Bills):

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 291** - Expressing deep gratitude for the valor and commitment of the members of the United States Armed Forces who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia in 1993 (*Sponsored by Rep. Hayes / Armed Services Committee*)
- 2) **H.Res. 409** - Repudiating the recent anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive (*Sponsored by Rep. Blunt / International Relations Committee*)

Suspensions (6 Bills):

Suspension bills are debatable for 40 minutes each, may not be amended, and require two-thirds majority for passage.

- 1) **H.R. 1720** - Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Simmons / Veterans` Affairs Committee*)
- 2) **H.R. 1516** - National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Rep. Gerlach / Veterans` Affairs Committee*)
- 3) **H.R. 3365** - Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Renzi / Ways and Means Committee / Armed Services Committee*)
- 4) **H.Res. 414** - To encourage the People`s Republic of China to fulfill its commitments under international trade agreements, support the United States manufacturing sector, and establish monetary and financial market reforms (*Sponsored by Rep. English / Ways and Means Committee*)
- 5) **H.Res. 415** - Congratulating the Florida Marlins for winning the 2003 World Series (*Sponsored by Rep. Meek / Government Reform Committee*)
- 6) **H.Con.Res. 302** - Expressing the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on October 31, 2003 (*Sponsored by Rep. Wexler / International Relations Committee*)

Obey Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2660 – Labor-Health-Education Appropriations Act for FY04. The motion instructs conferees to insist on the highest funding levels possible for programs authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act.

Eddie Bernice Johnson Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to confine themselves to matters in conference with regard to Ozone nonattainment.



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Davis (FL) Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to reject premium support, which requires that, by 2010, the traditional Medicare program must compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.Res. 417 - Rule providing for consideration of H.J.Res. 75 - Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 04 (Sponsored by Rep. Linder / Rules Committee). The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution; and provides one motion to recommit.

H.Res. 418 - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2691 - Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 04 (Sponsored by Rep. Hastings (WA) / Rules Committee). The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report and provides that the conference report be considered as read. Conference reports are not subject to amendment.

H.J.Res. 75 - Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 04 (Sponsored by Rep. Young (FL) / Appropriations Committee) (Subject to a Rule). This bill provides temporary funding for the Federal government through Friday, November 7 at the FY03 rate.

Conference Report on H.R. 2691 - Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 04 (Sponsored by Rep. Taylor (NC) / Appropriations Committee) (Subject to a Rule). This conference report provides new appropriations of \$20.17 billion for FY04 for the Interior Department, the Agriculture Department's Forest Service, and cultural programs (the \$20.17 billion includes \$400 million in emergency fire repayment funds). These funds also include: \$1.81 billion for the Bureau of Land Management; \$2.3 billion for the National Park Service; \$1.3 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service; \$2.33 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; \$4.5 billion for the Forest Service (Agriculture Department); \$3 billion for Indian Health (HHS Department); \$1.7 billion for the Energy Department; \$ 604 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$122 million for the National Endowment for the Arts; and \$137 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Daily Quote...

"A House-Senate energy conference committee is about to disgorge a 1,700-page legislative abomination that should cause both the left and right to choke. Although the bill has yet to be released, enough is known to conclude that it will be three parts corporate welfare and one part cynical politics. The bill is a shocking abdication of the administration and Congress' responsibility."

- Jerry Taylor of the Cato Institute and Dan Becker of the Sierra Club in an Op-Ed in today's *Los Angeles Times*